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NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2011

MINUTES

1.0 OPENING ITEMS.

1.1 Call to Order. Chairperson Mr. Kelley called the Special Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 6:30 p.m., at the Frank E. Thompson Middle School, Beatrice Berman Bazarsky Performing Arts Center and Cafeteria, 55 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840-2799.

1.2 Roll Call. Attendance was as follows: School Committee Members: Chairperson Patrick K. Kelley, Vice Chairperson Rebecca Bolan, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., Jo Eva Gaines, Robert J. Leary, Thomas S. Phelan (absent), and Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker. School Department: Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEM.

2.1 Community Forum – Uniform Dress Code Policy No. 5540. School Committee Chairperson Patrick Kelley welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for attending. Dr. Ambrogi provided a brief background of the uniform dress code policy in the district. The current suggested change was started from parents suggesting a uniform code of dress to help with behavioral problems in the schools. Many parents spoke out at the forum against the uniform policy, sighting costs as a major factor, and many other expressed frustration that the current dress code policy is not enforced consistently across the district. Mr. Kelley thanked everyone for attending, indicating that the committee certainly had received significant input that needed to be considered.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:55 p.m., Mr. Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

Patrick K. Kelley
Chairperson

John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.
Clerk